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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Support

SUBJECT:

Acquisition of Space in the Stewart Building at

5th and K Streets, N.W.

REFERENCE:

TS 11:3091 - Memo for DD6 from DDI, dated 2 Dec. 55

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- 1. Referenced memorandum recommends the acquisition of space for Project in the Stewart Building at 5th and K Sts., N.W. It is understood that the you have before you a memorandum to the General Services Administration requesting that they set about acquiring the needed space.
- 2. The Office of Logistics indicates that normal procurement methods might take as long as two months, due largely to the requirement to advertise publicly for the needed area and give other building owners an opportunity to bid.
- 3. Our need for this space will arise in a much shorter period than two months. We will probably want to move some personnel and machines into the area between the 15th and 30th of January.
- i. The Office of Logistics had indicated that in emergency circumstances the public bidding procedure can be dispensed with and they can ask the General Services Administration to negotiate directly with the owners of the Stewart Building. The Office of Logistics also states that they are very sure that no better space at so advantageous a price would be unearthed by opening the bid to the public.
- 5. It is requested that you ask the Office of Logistics to expedite the negotiations for the Stewart Building in order that we may have it available for pilot-scale operation by 30 January 1956.

ROBERT AMORY, JR. Deputy Director/Intelligence

